

Program Description

The Child and Adolescent Health Program (CAH) collaborates with public and private agencies to address child and adolescent health issues such as nutrition, overweight/ obesity, substance abuse, mental health, child abuse prevention, and teen pregnancy.

CAH staff supports the Los Angeles Adolescent Health Collaborative (LA-AHC), a public-private partnership of adolescent health professionals committed to a comprehensive, asset based and multidisciplinary approach. The Collaborative aims to improve the well-being of adolescents and young adults through the promotion and implementation of best practices and core competencies. Specifically, it advocates and promotes youth development principles to foster an environment that facilitates adolescents and young adults to reach their full potential.

Additionally, CAH serves as the lead program within Public Health to prevent the occurrences of child abuse in Los Angeles County. CAH fulfills its role by raising awareness of child abuse/neglect and improving child abuse reporting and management among health care professionals through training and conferences, dissemination of child abuse prevention and reporting protocols, and consultation on specific child abuse issues.

Important Things to Know

- Nearly one in every seven high-school students in Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) had reportedly smoked cigarettes at least once in past 30 days.
- Approximately one in every nine high-school students in LAUSD actually attempted suicide at least once during the past 12 months.
- Research suggests that almost one in every three girls and one in every seven boys are subjected to some form of sexual abuse by the age of 18.
- Types of child abuse include physical, sexual, emotional and neglect.

If you live or work in Los Angeles County, and suspect a child is being harmed, call 1-800-540-4000.

For more information, please call (213) 639-6444 or (213) 639-6434 or visit <http://lapublichealth.org/mch> and click on Child and Adolescent Health Program.



